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1. SUMMARY. FOUNDATION AND USAID CONCUR THAT:

A. WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT CIMMYT PLANS WITHDRAW PERSONNEL EVENT LOGISTICAL AND/OR PROGRAM SUPPORT SHIFTS TO ARC;

B. DEVELOPING ABILITY WITHIN ARC TO PROVIDE ACCEPTABLE LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR EXPATRIATE RESEARCH ADVISORS IS WORTHWHILE PROGRAM OBJECTIVE;

C. LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR ALL EXPATRIATE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH PERSONNEL WHO ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF APPROVED REY

ARCH PROGRAMS SHOULD BE SUPPLIED BY ARC;

D. EXPEDITIOUS SUPPLY SUCH SUPPORT BY ARC NEAR FUTURE EXPECTED REQUIRE MORE DETERMINED LEADERSHIP AT ARC HELM, OR AN EXPATRIATE PROCUREMENT AND LOGISTICS ADMINISTRATIVE INPUT. USAID JUDGMENT IS THAT ARC (EXPECIALLY CHAIRMAN BUCH), NOT NOW CONVINCED OF NEED FOR EXPATRIATE ADVISOR THIS PURPOSE. END LUMMARY.

2. FORD FOUNDATION ADVISES THEY DEFINITELY WANT TO GRADUALLY MOVE RESPONSIBILITY SUPPLY LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR CIMMYT PERSONNEL TO ARC, PERHAPS OVER ONE-YEAR PERIOD. FORD AND USAID CONSIDER DEVELOPMENT OF CAPACITY IN ARC TO PROVIDE LOGISITCAL SUPPORT EXPATRIATE ADVISORS IS A NEED WHICH GOES BEYOND 5 YEARS AID SUPPORTED PROJECT
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AND THUS WORTH A CONCERTED EFFORT. ON THIS BASIS WE CON-

SIDER USE OF CONTRACT ARRANGEMENT TO SUPPLY INTERIM SUPPORT PACKAGE UNSATISFACTORY. WE ALSO BELIEVE GOP WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO CONTRACT WITH EXTERNAL OR INTERNAL AGENCY TO SUPPLY THIS SUPPORT. FYI. WE JUDGE COMBINED USDA AND INTERNATIONAL CENTER PERSONNEL IN PAKISTAN MAY TOTAL 20 LONG-TERM ADVISORS WITHIN 2 TO 3 YEAR PERIOD. END FYI.

3. TOUGH FORD FOUNDATION DID INQUIRE ABOUT USAID'S WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR CIMMYT PERSONNEL WE HAVE NO REPEAT NO INTIMATION THAT CIMMYT PLANS WITHDRAW THEIR PERSONNEL IN EVENT FORD WITHDRAWS DIRECT LOGISTICAL SUPPORT. IF FOUNDATION DECIDES NOT TO FINANCE CIMMYT AND ARC AND USAID CONVINCED CONTINUED PRESENCE CIMMYT PERSONNEL REQUIRED, WE WOULD ASSUME ARC COULD USE AID LOAN FUNDS TO CONTRACT WITH CIMMYT. FORM PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS WITH FINLAY, FORLAUG, ANDERSON AND SPRAGUE WE UNDERSTAND CIMMYT IS CONCERNED ABOUT LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR PAKISTAN - BASED PERSONNEL, BUT THE CONCERN IS FOR ADEQUACY OF SUPPORT, NOT FOR WHO SUPPLIES AME.

4. MISSION POSITION IN LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR CIMMYT PERSONNEL SHOULD BE SAME AS FOR USDA PERSONNEL. MISSION WILL NOT SUPPLY LOGISTICAL SUPPORT DIRECTLY, BUT AGREE THAT, WITHIN PROJECT SCOPE, AVAILABLE MONDALE RUPEE GRANT FUNDS COULD BE USED BY ARC FOR LOGISTICAL SUPPORT OF ALL EXPATRIATE PERSONNEL FROM US OR INTERNATIONAL CENTERS WITHOUT REGARD TO SOURCE OF SALARY FUNDING. WE WOULD HOPE IF ANOTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRY WERE TO PROVIDE PERSONNEL, ARC WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR THEM ALSO. MISSION HAS REPEATEDLY OFFERED AND PROVIDED GUIDANCE TO ARC ON ARRANGING LOGISTICAL SUPPORT.

5. WE CONSIDER DEVELOPMENT OF ARC LOGISITCAL SUPPORT CAPABILITY HIGHLY DESIRABLE. FROM WILLIAM JUDY EXPERIENCE WE OPINION THAT CURRENT ARC ABILITY SUPPLY THIS SUPPORT DEVELOPING BUT STILL DEFINITELY NOT ADEQUATE. GIVEN FIRM LEADERSHIP, ARC COULD DEVELOP CAPABILITY WITH LOCAL PERSONNEL AND USING GOP PROCEDURES ALLOWED SEMI-AUTONOMOUS BODIES PER PROAG. UNDER PRESENT CONDITION ARC WILL NOT PROVIDE ADEQUATE SUPPORT WITHOUT EACH ADVISOR SPENDING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONSIDERABLE AMOUNTS HIS TIME SOLVING SUPPORT PROBLEMS. WE CONSIDER THIS POOR INVESTMENT. AN EXPERIENCED EXPATRIATE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FROM USDA OR INTERNATIONAL CENTER COULD FACILITATE BOTH LOGISTICAL SUPPORT AND PROCUREMENT PROJECT COMMODITIES. HIS PRIMARY TASK WOULD BE TO CONTINUOUSLY MONITOR PROGRESS TO ASSURE SERVICES WERE BEING PROVIDED AND PAPERS MOVING. WITH A FEW EXCEPTIONS THAT MIGHT REQUIRE SPECIAL PERMISSION, THIS COULD BE DONE WHILE

CONFORMING TO GOP PROCEDURES.

6. CHAIRMAN BUCH APPARENTLY NOT SEIZED WITH MAGNITUDE
OF SUPPORT AND PROCUREMENT JOB AND THUS NOT YET CONVINCED
EXPATRIATE ADVISOR THIS ROLE REQUIRED. SPRAGUE AND BORLAUG
ETA HERE JUNE 8. DISCUSSIONS AMONG ALL INVOLVED PERSONNEL
EXPECTED. WILL ADVISE RESULTS.
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